

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 6. In Fig. 6, the previously omitted element number 11 has been added, along with a lead line.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

The drawings and Specification have been amended in view of the Examiner's comments at paragraphs 1 and 2 of the 05/06/2005 Office Action. Other minor corrections have also been made to clarify the detailed description in paragraphs 0016 and 0021. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to correct the informalities.

New claims 13-18 have been added. New claim 13 generally includes the content of claims 1 and 6. New claims 14 and 15 are similar to claims 7 and 9 and depend from new claim 13. Support for new claim 16 is at 0021. Support for new claim 17 is at 0017. Support for new claim 18 is at 0016, 0021, and Fig. 5.

Turning now to the rejections at paragraph 4 of the 05/06/2005 Office Action, initially, Fox, Colavito et al., and Clark describe pillows intended for uses different from the claimed pillow. The Fox pillow is intended for sleeping. Col. 1, line 4; col. 3, line 26. Colavito et al. describes a therapy pillow. Col. 2, line 66; col. 3, line 16. Clark describes a nursing pillow adapted for use with twins. Col. 8, line 41. These differences in intended use affect the way these prior art references are viewed by a person of skill in the art. The diverging uses of the pillows described in the three prior art references consequently teaches away from their combination.

Turning initially to the content of the individual references, Fox, U.S. Patent No. 4,759,089, discloses a cervical pillow for sleeping having a truncated base element 12. As shown in Figs. 1, 3A, and 3B, there is no wedge-shaped element. Rather, the front end of the pillow is truncated or cut off. Col. 2, lines 49-55; lines 63-65. While Fox describes a "wedge section 24," that wedge section 24 is positioned on top of the contoured section adjacent to the back end of the pillow. Accordingly, Fox does not disclose the claimed "wedge-shaped base" element described in the claims.

Fox et al. also does not disclose a head/neck pillow, as claimed. Rather, the Fox et al. pillow is a continuous pillow, with no separately discernable head/neck pillow on a base, as claimed.

Colavito et al. describes a therapy pillow which may have a wedge-shape. However, like Fox, Colavito et al. also does not disclose any head/neck pillow on a base. Rather, the Colavito et al. pillow has a flat top surface, as shown in Fig. 3.

Clark, U.S. Patent No. 5,790,999 (which is cited only as disclosing a handle) does not disclose a wedge-shaped base or a head/neck pillow on the base, as claimed. In view of the absence of the claimed wedge-shaped base and head/neck pillow on the base in Fox, Colavito et al., or Clark, the combination of these three references cannot render claims 1, 8, or 13 obvious.

Regarding claim 3, Fox describes a "wedge section 24" made of polyurethane foam on top of a contoured section 18, col. 2, lines 63-65, as well as a top layer 26 of convoluted foam, col. 3, lines 4-11, which covers the entire top surface of the pillow, as shown, for example, in Figs. 1, 3A, and 3B of Fox. Consequently, there is no head/neck pillow comprising a second foam, as claimed, in Fox, or the other prior art references.

Regarding the rejection of claim 6, as well as new claims 13 and 14, Fox discloses a 10° angle. Col. 3, lines 13-15. Colavito et al. also discloses a 10° angle, col. 4, lines 2-4 (tangent 6/36 resulting in an angle of about 10°). In contrast, claims 6 and 13 describe an angle of 25-55°, a range well above both Fox and Colavito et al.

Claims 9, 15, and 17 describe the head/neck pillow positioned over both the front surface and back surface, a feature not suggested in the prior art. With respect to the comments regarding claim 9 at the bottom of page 3 of the 05/06/2005 Office Action,

Applicant submits that the description of the location of the head/neck pillow, and its attachment, in claims 9, 15, and 17, are positively recited limitations or elements, and not functional description. Indeed, the language of these claims describes no functions whatsoever, but rather describes a location or attachment of the head/neck pillow element.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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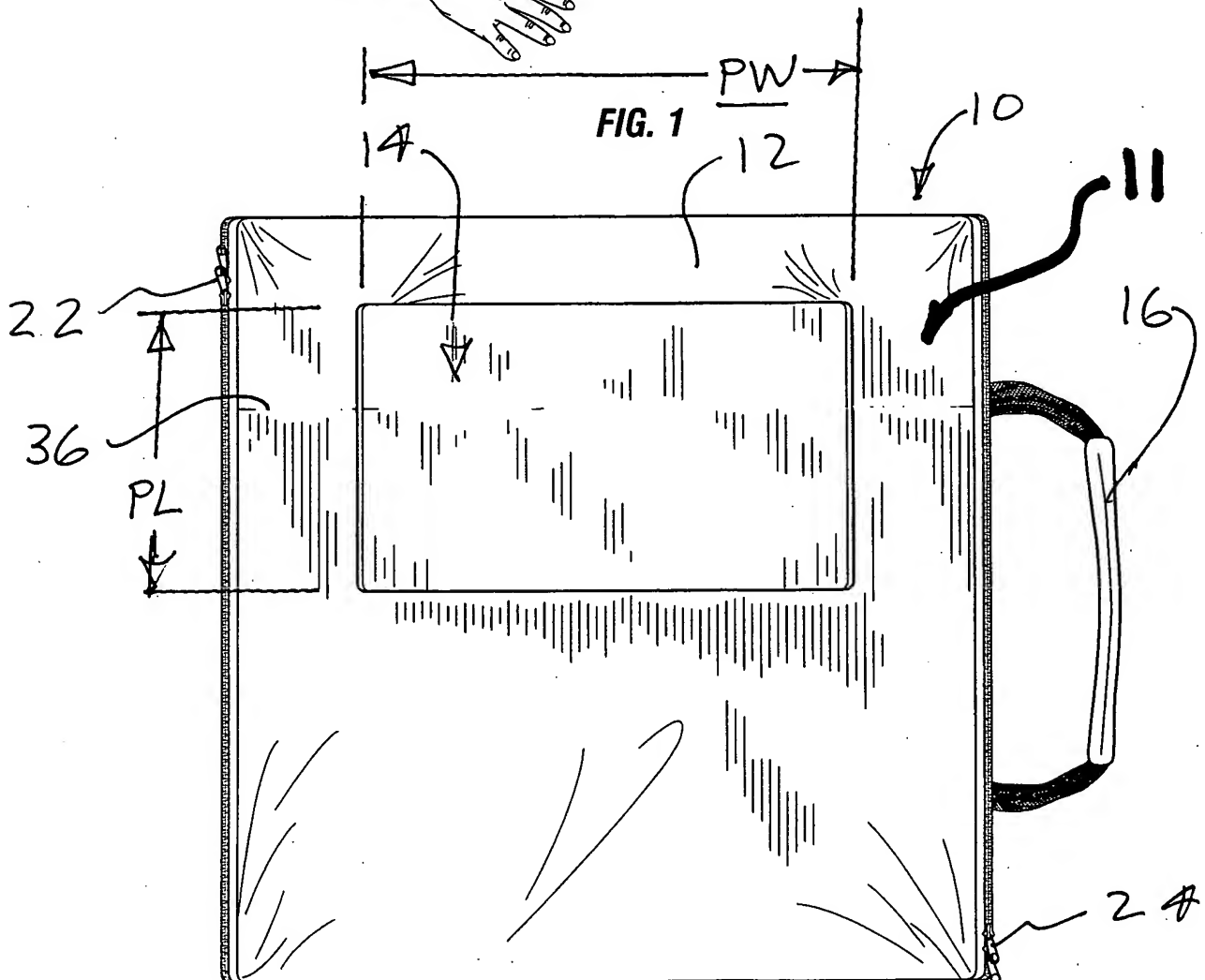


FIG. 6